NAM and South South dialogue

1651. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

Wfll the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what are the core areas of multilateral cooperation in economic aspscts between NAM and South-South Dialogue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : NAM has focussed, *inter alia* on the following core areas of North-South multilateral economic cooperation for recoveiy and development in the world economy and the attainment of the New International Economic Order:

(a) Money and Finance including ex ternal debt.

(b) Trade.

(c) Commodities.

(d) Science and Technology.

(e) Economic recovery of Africa and economic assistance to Front-line States.

Core areas of South-South cooperation to NAM and the Group of 77 towards the attainment of collective self-reliance of the South are, *inter- alia;*

(i) Science and technology including new and high technologies; technical co-operation & consultancy.

Cii) Trade an'd commodities.

(iii) Monetaiv and financial arrangements.

(iv) Research ard information networks. (

(v) Food and agriculture.

Activities off the Indian Council for Cultural Relations

1652. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major highlights of activities of significance the Indian Council of Cultural Relations planned for the next two years with reference to Latin American, East European and Far Eastern regions, if any; and

(b) the revisions in programme cover up and thrust for the coming Festivals of India in view of experiences gained in U.S.A. and France?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH1: (a) Major highlights of activities of significance planned by the Indha Council for Cultural Relations for the- next two years for the East European, Latin American and Far Eastern regions are annexed.

[See appendix CXLH, Annexure No. 81].

As the detailed plan of Action for the Council is prepared oa an annual basis, ■ most of these activities, with the exception of the Festival of India in USSR and the Festival of USSR in India, are restricted to the financial year 1987-88.

(b) The thrust in the Festival of India *In* USSR is to depict the traditional culture of India together with its contemporary advancement and projection of Indo-Soviet links devoted to the 40th Anniversary of India's Independence and the 70th Anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution of USSR. In addition, programmes relating to Youth and Sports have been added.

Assistance to International Organisations

1653. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of EXTFRNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the non-UNO inter-Governmental agencies[organisation of which India is a member; and

(b) the contributions made by India, financial and professional, to such organi sations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFATRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected